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In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant wishes to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each document is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

No representation is made, and no representation is intended, that more relevant material does not exist, or that the order of presentation of this material in any way reflects its relative pertinence. The references cited below are not intended to constitute an admission of any kind. Specifically, this presentation is not an admission that the items listed below are properly citable against the above-identified application.

The following document is cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 3-276966 (RICOH CO LTD), published December 9, 1991.

Applicant also wishes to bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined patent Application (A) 4-248766 (RICOH CO LTD), published September 4, 1992; and
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application (A) 05-294018 (SEIKO EPSON CORP), published November 9, 1993.

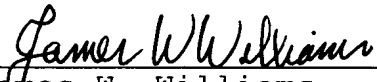
Applicant considers the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

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